## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Hidefumi KONDO, et al.

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Concurrently herewith

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: ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

## REMARKS

This amendment has been filed to avoid improper multiple

dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully

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Kespectfully

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